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S I R :

In response to the requirement that applicants provide a statement of the substance of the April 27, 2006 telephone interview with the Examiner, applicants provide the following statement:

During said April 27, 2006 telephone interview, the undersigned discussed (i) the scope of present independent claims, (ii) the patentability of the present claims over USP

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3,915,809 to Wheatley, and (iii) the beneficial results provided by the method of the present claims.

The arguments for patentability of the present claims over Wheatley discussed during said interview involved a summary of the arguments for patentability as set forth in the AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116 filed on March 8, 2006.

The Examiner said that he will carry out a further search in view of the claim amendments and new claims that were filed after the final rejection.

Respectfully submitted,

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